

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

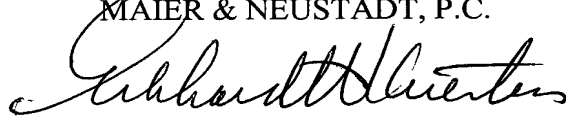
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-28 are active in this case, claims 1-15 have been canceled.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 16-28 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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